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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KWAK ET AL.

Examiner

Tan Ho

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-5 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cavallaro et al (US Patent 5,008,681).

Cavallaro et al disclose, in figure 2, an antenna device comprising a dielectric substrate 28, a plurality of conductive microstrips (30,32,34,36,26) formed on the top and bottom sides of the substrate, and a coaxial cable transmission line 20 having the first and second conductors (22,24) which are electrically separated from each other by a layer of insulator, wherein the first conductor for signal transfer is configured to be short-circuited with one of microstrips formed on the top side of the dielectric substrate.

3. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rothe (US Patent 6,304,219).

Rothe discloses, in figures 1 and 2, an antenna device comprising a dielectric substrate 10, a plurality of conductive microstrips (1-4)) formed on the top and bottom sides of the substrate, and a coaxial waveguide transmission line having a center conductor 13 electrically connected to one of microstrips formed on the top side of the dielectric substrate, and an external conductor conductively connected with the ground plane 1, column 3, line 41 through column 4, line 10. The patent to Rothe also teaches

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that the connection point 14 of the center conductor and the microstrip 3 is a solder point, see column 6, line 22.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 3-5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 3 recites an upper and lower short-circuited conductor for short-circuiting the second conductor of the signal transfer means with one of the microstrips formed on the bottom side of the substrate, and wherein the upper and lower short-circuit conductor and the microstrips formed on the bottom site of the dielectric substrate circuit-shortened with the second conductor of the signal transfer means are electrically grounded. The patents to Cavallaro et al and Rothe do not teach these limitations.

5. The patents to Burrell et al, Grangeat et al, Ogino et al, Nalbandian et al, Shikata et al, Murakami et al, and Sanad are cited as of interest showing the antenna similar to that disclosed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tan Ho whose telephone number is (571) 272-1822.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00AM - 5:00PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on (571) 272-1834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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